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Soldier Boys Want A Football—Review of Life at Camp

By Roy D. Harris
Camp Devens, Mass.
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One week ago tonight we were in the Park back home, wondering what our life at camp was to be, and tonight we all have had an experience in army life, of a week, and it is one of the weeks of our lives that we will never forget.

It was not until the beginning of this week that we really got down to work. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week were taken up by the physical examinations, the getting used to our quarters, the getting of our uniforms, and the learning how to tell difference between an officer and an enlisted man.

When this week opened it found the boys from Addison County dressed in their uniforms. It did not take long for the boys to learn how to wear their hats at the proper angle on their heads. I mean by the proper angle, having the hats well pulled down over your eyes.

Perhaps before I go any further I had better tell something about our work. The Field Artillery is one of the mounted branches of the service. All the men ride either on a horse or a wagon. As yet we have no horses but we expect to have them, and I guess the government expects to get them here for near the stables which are ready is a pile of baled hay covered with canvas which is higher than the Battell Block and about as long and this pile is growing larger every day.

There are two regiments of light field artillery in this the 76th division as well as every other division. We all know that we are in the very best of these two regiments and our Battery C. is going to be, by far, the best battery in the whole service. The reason that we know this is because we are under the best of officers and all of us are enthusiastic to make it the best.

Now that we are under regular schedule I will try to tell you something about our days work. The first call is sounded at 5:45 a. m. We are dressed and ready to fall in at 6:00 for roll call. Mess call is sounded at 6:15. We all line up in the street in front of our battery with our mess kits and then march

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600 BOYS AND GIRLS EXHIBIT NEXT WEEK

Biggest Juvenile Fair in Vermont Here This Year

Judging Contests Thursday Afternoon—284 Possible Premiums

The County Fair Grounds in Middlebury will be the scene next Thursday and Friday of the first big Boys' and Girls' Exhibit in Addison County, and County Agent J. E. Carrigan who has been comparing notes of previous exhibits declares that it will be one of the biggest ever held in Vermont.

Over 600 boys and girls have entered thus far as exhibitors in the contest for 284 possible premiums. There will be ten exhibition groups covering home gardens, potatoes, corn, canning, sewing, poultry, farm and home handicrafts, pigs, calves and lambs. The boys and girls themselves will be in charge of the exhibits, and from all indications there will be some very interesting agricultural and livestock specimens shown. The judging contest will take place on Thursday afternoon, October 4th, if time allows, and on Thursday evening Judge John E. Weeks of Middlebury and E. L. Ingalls, leader of the Boys and Girls Club work in the state will speak, the latter giving an illustrated talk.

The Rev. Fraser Metzger, who has had charge of the Food Promotion Campaign for the State Educational Department during the past season will speak on Friday afternoon, telling of the work that has been done by the boys and girls throughout the state. Miss Bertha Holden, a graduate of Middlebury College and of Columbia University, who is well known here as a home economic specialist will also speak on Friday. All of the speaking will be in Exhibition Hall.

The boys and girls in charge of the different exhibit groups are as follows:

Home Garden: Greydon Aines of Addison.

Potato: David Norton of Lincoln.

Corn: Ward Merrill of Vergennes.

Canning: Iovne Baldwin of Shoreham; Beatrice Dumas of Middlebury; Irene Dickinson of Cornwall; Katherine Hammond of Middlebury.

Sewing: Ethel Bingham of Weybridge; Doris Whitney of Salisbury; Marjorie Bentley of Middlebury; Marion Smith of Middlebury.

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PRESIDENT THOMAS' OPENING ADDRESS

"The Work of A Liberal College in War Time"

Full Text of Patriotic Appeal to This Year's Students

President John M. Thomas in his opening address of the 118th year at Middlebury College dealt with "The Work of a Liberal College in War Time" and vigorously set forth the relation of the student to the great war. He said:

In opening this 118th year of Middlebury college we might ignore the situation of our country, hurrying its energies into the great war, and counsel how we might shut out from our minds during the coming months the distractions of public events and concentrate our attention on academic pursuits. I might urge you to forget as far as possible submarines and aeroplanes, and trenches and dugouts, and advise that since you are now in college, enlisted for study, you drop all thought of any personal relation to the great conflict or of any other topic connected with war.

But even if it were possible to divorce our thought from the stupendous events now occurring, and from the awakened passion of our nation to bear its part in the renovation of the world, it would not be patriotic for us to do so. As teachers and students we are still citizens, and even at the cost of considerable diversion from the educational endeavors which are our primary purpose, we must follow the course of the struggle, informing ourselves as best we may of the deeds of the armies and the fleets, and still more carefully seeking to work our way through to the real issues of the conflict and the principles which are being fought out for the world to live by after the great horror has passed. College men and women should allow none to excel them in patriotism, nor in patriotic interests in the problems and endeavors of their country.

But it would not be in the interest even of your education to attempt to forbid you all thought of the war and its issues while pursuing your studies. To ask you to forget the war would not be sound educational method. Education has for its object to make one at home in the world, to enable one to take his place as a man in the world of men. This war is changing the whole face of things; the life of man is going to be different in a thousand ways after it is over. An education, therefore, which is sound and practical, must fit one for life in the renovated world, and that means that the process by which it is becoming new, the principles and ideals which are being thrown into the discard and the new ones which are taking their places, must be taken into thoughtful consideration. You are expected in about twenty years to catch up with a very old world, and a world which has been moving the last three years at a pace

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SUPERINTENDENT BARSS RESIGNS

Head of Industrial School at Vergennes to go to Canada

John E. Weeks, Commissioner of State Institutions, announces receipt of the resignation of Supt. J. N. Barss, head of the State Industrial School at Vergennes, to take effect October 28th. Mr. Barss has received an appointment as head of a similar school at Shawbridge, Que., about 40 miles from Montreal, and he and his family will leave Vergennes the latter part of October to assume his new duties. Judge Weeks is taken by surprise by Mr. Barss' resignation, and has as yet no announcement to make of his probable successor. He pays tribute to Mr. Barss' services, saying that he had done honorable work at Vergennes during the past 10 years, having practically re-built the whole plant, and introduced methods of administration which have brought the school up to par with those in other states.

ANNUAL MEETING OF RED CROSS

Will Elect Officers in Grange Hall Next Monday Afternoon

The annual meeting of the Middlebury Red Cross for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at 5 o'clock next Monday afternoon in the Grange Hall, when it is particularly desired that a large number of its members be present. The coming year will make still further demands on all Red Cross societies, and the organization here should be an efficient and harmonious one to accomplish the work in view. The reports of various meetings will be read and the Civilian Relief Committee of the present organization will serve as a Nominating Committee at Monday's meeting.

One of the plans under consideration for the coming winter is a moving picture entertainment once a month for the benefit of the Red Cross, arrangements for which are being made through the generous co-operation of Mr. W. F. Bentley.

GRANGE MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight will be "neighbor's night" at the Middlebury Grange, members of Grand View Grange of Addison are to be the guests of Middlebury Grange. Following the business meeting an entertainment will be furnished by Grand View Grange, after which a supper will be served in the banquet room.

DAIRYMEN HERE MAY STRIKE ON MONDAY

If City Dealers Do Not Recognize League

Meeting Here Last Night Voted to Stand by the League

Dairymen of Middlebury and vicinity who are members of the New York State Dairymen's League, and who ship from here seven tons of milk daily to New York City, met in the Grange Hall last night and voted to withhold milk from shipment to the New York City dealers unless the latter come to terms with the leaders of the New York State Dairymen's League. In effect it was a vote of the dairymen to go on strike beginning next Monday morning unless the New York City dealers recognize the league. Some 40 or 50 dairymen were present and heard the situation explained to them by Secretary Elmer Cowles in substance as follows: The New York City dealers have refused to deal further with the officers of the Dairymen's League, declaring that they will deal independently with the farmers. This is taken as a determined effort on the part of the leaders to disrupt the League, and the meeting held here last night was one of a series of rallies which are being held in this section and in New York state to get the members of the League to stand together.

The new County Agent, I. N. Bartlett, explained some of the items in the cost of milk, drawing a general conclusion that the farmers were scarcely making any profit at all under present conditions. It was understood that the New York dealers were willing to agree to the prices which the League had determined upon for milk, but they would not treat with the League officers, and their present willingness to pay League prices was regarded as a subterfuge to get the farmers to break away from the League.

The Middlebury dairymen voted unanimously to support the League and unless word is received from the League headquarters before next Monday morning the regular shipments of milk from this section will be held by the farmers and turned into butter.

TRYING TO WEAR OUT TIRES

But Goodrich Men Find Roads Here Are Easy On Them

Four automobiles comprising the Atlantic fleet of the Goodrich Tire Company's Testing squadron, paid a visit to Middlebury Tuesday noon, in charge of Admiral Edward Petring, and Rear-Admiral W. A. Donovan of the Boston branch of the company in charge. J. R. Rutherford, manager of the Goodrich store at Burlington, and J. Erving Wood, traveling representative in Vermont, were other members of the party.

The object of the fleet is to wear out tires. Rear-Admiral Donovan had to confess that the gravel roads which he found in this section were some of the best he had encountered, and were easier on tires than some of the macadam stretches. The Goodrich Company, however, is running its Test Cars in all parts of the country. The daily record is kept of the highway conditions and mileage, and when a tire is absolutely worn out it goes back to the Company's laboratory, where its obituary is written. Orders from headquarters are that the fleet shall travel 140 miles at least every day.

MISS FULLER HOME DEMONSTRATOR

Will Probably Begin Work at Once in Addison County

Miss Emma Fuller of Bloomfield, Vt., recent graduate from the Home Economic department of the University of Vermont has been appointed as Home Demonstration Agent for Addison County.

The conditions necessary for the maintaining of such an agent is that the county raise \$300 locally to supplement the funds furnished by the Federal Department of Agriculture, which will be necessary in financing the work. As a result of the campaign recently run by the Addison County Farmers' Association, covering eight different towns in the county, one hundred twenty-five women applied for membership in the County Farmers Association providing a Home Demonstration Agent was obtained. Membership in the association costs \$1 per year and thus \$125 is assured. The state leader of county agents, Mr. Thomas Bradley, who has charge of this work for the present, feels that after an agent has been placed in the county that enough women will be ready to support the work and become members of the Farmers Association and that the \$300 will be forthcoming.

It is probable that Miss Fuller will begin work at once. Anyone interested in obtaining information from the Home Demonstration Agent should address her in charge of the County Agent Office, Middlebury, Vermont.

Laundry Building Completed

E. R. Yates, proprietor of the Middlebury Steam Laundry said yesterday that the two story cement building, which he has built on the banks of the Otter Creek, directly behind the Dyer block, will be ready for occupancy next week and the laundry machinery will be moved there next Friday. The laundry will be on the first floor, which, owing to the slope of the river bank, is partly a basement, and the office will be situated on the floor above. The present arrangement leaves Mr. Yates with considerable space on the office floor which he plans to rent for a meeting hall. It has required only about three months to erect the building.

STATE CONVENTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS HERE

Will Be Held October 18 and 19 Bringing 200 Here

County Convention will be Held in Vergennes

Announcement was made this morning that Middlebury will have another state wide convention here next month. The Vermont State Sunday School Association, which was originally scheduled for Morrisville has decided to meet here on account of the prevalence of poliomyelitis in Lamoille County. The meetings will be held October 18th and 19th, bringing probably some 200 representative Sunday School leaders from the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches of the entire state.

A Union meeting will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday evening to be addressed by the Rev. C. A. Boyd of Burlington, secretary of the State Sunday School Association, who speaks on "The Opportunities and Privileges of Entertaining a State Sunday School Convention." Arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors will be made at once and further particulars will be announced in next week's Register.

The Addison County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at the Methodist church in Vergennes next Thursday. The morning session will open at 10:30, led by the Rev. C. A. Boyd. Miss Marion F. Stickney will deliver an address.

The afternoon session will be opened by the Rev. W. S. Mulholland, when the annual survey of the Sunday Schools in Addison County will be presented. The Rev. H. C. Newell of Middlebury will speak at 3:45.

The Rev. William Laughton will open the evening service. The Rev. W. S. Mulholland will deliver an address at 8 o'clock followed by a stereopticon lecture by Secretary Boyd.

The ladies of the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches will furnish entertainment for the delegates.

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ANOTHER BIG SEND-OFF: GOVERNOR MAY SPEAK

Second Call Takes 49 County Boys Away Next Week

Plans For Governor's Speech Tuesday Night—Public Banquet and Parade Wednesday

Forty-nine more of the Addison County boys will leave next Wednesday morning for Camp Devens at Ayer, Mass., as new members of the national army, and by official call are ordered to report in Middlebury at four o'clock next Tuesday afternoon for the roll call. The committee in charge of the County's "send-off" is making preparations for an ovation equal to if not surpassing the one last week.

Governor Graham is expected to come to deliver the principal address. Judge John E. Weeks saw the Governor in Rutland yesterday and obtained from him a tentative promise to be here. The Governor expressed a keen desire to come and said that he would be able to give a definite answer on Sunday. In addition to the expected presence of the Governor, which would give Addison County its first opportunity to hear the chief executive since the war has got in motion, the other speakers will probably be P. M. Melden, the Rutland postmaster, who is a most able orator, and Father Vezina of Vergennes.

The public meeting on Tuesday night will be held in the park at Middlebury if the weather permits, otherwise in the town hall, and the banquet to the boys will be held directly afterward at the Addison House, at which a limited number of the public will be admitted to a second table provided they make reservations through State's Attorney Allen R. Sturtevant sometime prior to Monday evening.

The "send-off" Wednesday morning will include a parade, and at the station the children of the schools will unite in singing many patriotic songs under the leadership of Mrs. Charlotte Shackett. It is requested that the stores close Wednesday morning from 9 to 10.

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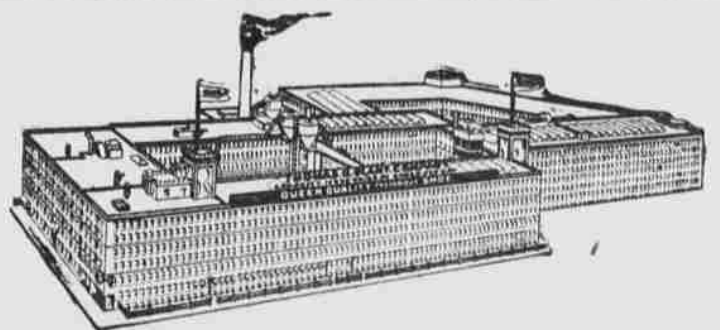
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